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Viewing cable 08BOGOTA3888, DAS DIRECTOR RESIGNS OVER OPPOSITION SPYING SCANDAL

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Understanding cables

Every cable message consists of three parts:

- The top box shows each cables unique reference number, when and by whom it originally was sent, and what its initial classification was.
- The middle box contains the header information that is associated with the cable. It includes information about the receiver(s) as well as a general subject.
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Discussing cables

If you find meaningful or important information in a cable, please link directly to its unique reference number. Linking to a specific paragraph in the body of a cable is also possible by copying the appropriate link (to be found at the paragraph symbol). Please mark messages for social networking services like Twitter with the hash tags **#cablegate** and a hash containing the reference ID e.g. **#08BOGOTA3888**.

Reference ID	Created	Released	Classification	Origin
08BOGOTA3888	2008-10-24 19:48	2011-08-30 01:44	CONFIDENTIAL	Embassy Bogota

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RUEHZP/AMEMBASSY PANAMA PRIORITY 2551
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SUBJECT: DAS DIRECTOR RESIGNS OVER OPPOSITION SPYING SCANDAL

REF: BOGOTA 002387

Classified By: Political Counselor John Creamer
Reasons 1.4 (b and d)

SUMMARY

1. (C) Maria del Pilar Hurtado, director of Colombia's Administrative Department of Security (DAS), resigned on October 22 after opposition Senator Gustavo Petro publicly revealed internal DAS documents that tasked officials to gather intelligence on Petro and on his party, the Polo Democratico (PDA). Hurtado's initially blamed a subordinate for issuing the order and announced his dismissal. She also denied that she or President Uribe had prior knowledge of the order. Still, Hurtado later resigned as an "act of public service." Casa de Narino insiders believe Hurtado was already on her way out; the spy scandal merely accelerated her departure. Colombian National Police (CNP) Commander Naranjo told us presidential advisor Jose Obdulio Gaviria pushed the DAS to collect political intelligence, and he predicted the political fallout from the scandal will continue. End Summary.